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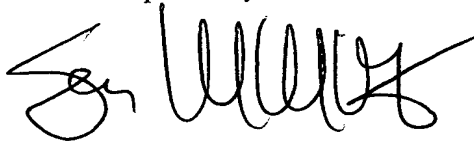
Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicants duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), the relevance of these documents are discussed on page 2 of the subject application. Further, an English-language Abstract is attached to some of the references.

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